

## Cape Fear River above Wilmington, NC (Navigation) (O&M)

## **FY 2023 Planned Actions:**

- Operate and maintain structures and recreation facilities
- Received \$6.5M in BIL FY22 funding for rehabilitation of all three lock chambers and collapsing esplanade area at W O'Huske L&D.



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- 1. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>: River and Harbor Act of 1910, 1934, 1935, 1965; and Section 4 of the Flood Control Act of 1944.
- 2. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project consists of a channel 25 feet deep and generally 200 feet wide, to a basin,400 feet wide, 550 feet long, at Navassa, 2.9 miles; then a 12 feet deep, 140 feet wide, to mile 30 at Acme, with five channels cutoffs, 12 feet deep, 150 feet wide; then a channel of 8 feet deep and varying widths to Fayetteville, 111 miles, including three locks and dams in Bladen County; and recreation facilities at the locks and dams.
- 3. **FY 2022 FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION**: \$6,980,000. This amount includes \$6,500,000 in FY 2022 Bipartisan Infrastructure funds for rehabilitation of all three lock chambers and collapsing esplanade area at W O'Huske L&D.
- 4. <u>FY 2023 FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION</u>: \$484,000. Funds are being used to provide for caretaker status activities including required anadromous fish lockages and related activities to ensure lock operations.
- 5. **FY 2024 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET**: \$508,000. Funding will be used provide for caretaker status activities including required anadromous fish lockages and related activities to ensure lock operations.
- 6. <u>OTHER INFORMATION</u>: The Cape Fear River locks and dams were constructed to ensure a navigable channel for commercial barges from Wilmington to Fayetteville. In recent decades, this

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commercial traffic has ceased operations. The annual maintenance expenditure by USACE is about \$500,000 annually.

Bladen County and the Cape Fear River Partnership have expressed an interest in designing and constructing additional fish passage structures at locks and dams #2 and #3 and are currently in discussions with USACE, Wilmington District about a Section 408 review for potential fish passage projects at Locks #2 and #3.